Bifurcation of MPEDA

2316. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will bifurcate the MPEDA to better help and organize marine and inland fishers desperately;

(b) if so, the schedule for such a bifurcation;

(c) what financial assistance will be given by Government to revive and reform defunct shrimp farms; and

(d) the steps proposed to create a fund to assist all shrimp farmers who had undergone huge losses in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer above, does not arise.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to revive defunct shrimp farms by extending financial assistance at the rate of 25% of the capital expenditure subject to the maximum of Rs.25,000/- per hectare water spread area and Rs.1.25 lakh per beneficiary. Shrimp farmers in all coastal Indian States including Andhra Pradesh will be benefited.

Relocation of industries

2317. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to relocate industries from urban areas to industrially backward regions with a view to free urban space by providing incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith status of the proposal; and

(c) the details of industries that are proposed to be shifted and the kind of incentives proposed to be offered for relocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) Government issues Industrial Licence for setting up of industries taking into account the existing locational policy, which is in tune with the liberalised licensing policy. Under this Policy, entrepreneurs are free to select the location for setting up industry. However, approval is required from the Government for locations falling within 25 kms of the periphery of cities having a population of more than one million as per the 1991 census and the locations is not within an industrial area so designated by the State Governments prior to 24.7.1991. Locational restriction is not applicable for electronics, computer software and printing industries and other non - polluting industries which may be notified from time to time. Zoning and land use regulations as well as environmental legislations continue to regulate industrial locations. Recommendation of the State Government is required for grant of Industrial Licence

under the Licensing Policy for setting up of Industries. Government policies are being constantly reviewed and fine tuned to promote where possible industrial activity and employment generation in industrially backward regions.

Change in notification for sugar import

2318. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are favouring any changes in the notification governing import and export under the Advance Licensing Scheme for raw sugar import;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also urged the sugar industry to strive for higher productivity at lower cost, achieve vertical growth by diversification and to give the best price to farmers; and

(d) if so, the response so far received in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have issued Public Notice No. 34 dated 17.8.2007 extending the validity of export obligation period for the Advance Licence issued for dury free import of raw sugar. The said Public Notice can be accessed from DGFT *website: http://dgft.nic.in.*

(c) and (d) The Central Government advises the sugar industry from time to time at different fora to strive for excellence through modernization and technological upgradation to achieve higher productivity at lower cost as well as value addition to by-products by producing ethanol and cogeneration of power etc., and avail loans at the concessional rate of interest from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for the purpose. The sugar factories have been approaching the Central Government for sanction of SDF loans regularly. Besides, the Government also encourages cane development to improve the quality and timely availability of sugarcane, the basic raw material for the sugar industry, by way of advancing concessional loans from the SDF to the sugar factories, who, in turn, advance the same to their farmers. Further, the Government also provides grant from the SDF for research beneficial to sugar industry to research institutions so as to facilitate qualitative improvement in technology and solutions to problems faced by sugarcane farmers.

Decline in export growth

2319. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export growth is declining during the last two years and there is alarming situation for export growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the reasons behind this situation and how much of impact have occurred over the current dollar rate against rupee in the market;